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1. OVERALL, HK REMAINS A CONSUMER OF IMPORTED NARCOTICS FOR THE RESIDENT ADDICT POPULATION OF SOME 100,000. THERE HAS BEEN STRONG EVIDENCE IN RECENT MONTHS OF CONNECTIONS TO LOCATIONS IN EUROPE AND RELATIVELY SMALL QUANTITIES OF HEROIN GOING TO THE US. THUS FAR, HOWEVER, INDIVIDUALS RATHER THAN ESTABLISHED SYNDICATES SEEM TO BE INVOLVED IN THE US TRAFFIC, WHEREAS NO EVIDENCE SHOWS PRC INVOLVEMENT IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

2. HOST COUNTRY PROJECTS HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY EFFECTIVE, CONSISTING OF CONSIDERABLY STRENGTHENED LEGISLATION FOR DRUG-RELATED OFFENSES, CONTINUED HIGH LEVEL OF ENFORCEMENT, ACQUISITION OF AN AIRCRAFT FOR ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES.

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AND INITIATIVES FOR COMMENCING AN EXPANSION OF THE

METHODONE PROGRAM. CONGEN EFFORTS CONTINUE TO FUNCTION IN SUPPORT OF AND TO ENCOURAGE THE ALREADY EXISTING HKG STRUCTURES IN ENFORCEMENT AND REHABILITATION. THE CONGEN AGENCIES WILL MAINTAIN TO CLOSE LIAISON ALREADY ESTABLISHED AND WILL CONTINUE TO UNDERScore CONTINUED US INTEREST IN DRUG TRAFFICKING AND RELATED PROBLEMS.

3. ALTHOUGH HK IS NOT AN ASSISTANCE COUNTRY UNDER SECTION 482, FUNDS HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING HK OFFICERS IN THE US. THE INVITATION TO HAVE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ATTEND SUCH COURSES HAS BEEN HAMPERED BY A LACK OF TRAVEL FUNDS BY THE RHKP WHO OPERATE ON EXTREMELY NARROW BUDGETS AND ADVANCED ALLOCATIONS ARE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. WE WOULD REQUEST, THEREFORE, A POOL OF RESOURCES OF ABOUT \$25,000 PER ANNUM FROM WHICH TO DRAW FOR THIS TRAVEL AND OTHER EVENTUALITIES TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY LEEWAY FOR EFFECTIVE AND RAPID ACTION IN THE COURSE OF THE YEAR.

4. THIS WILL REINFORCE THE ALREADY FRANK AND PRODUCTIVE EXCHANGES WHICH ARE MAINTAINED AT ALL LEVELS WITH THE HKG.

5. AN AIRGRAM WITH EXPANDED COMMENTS FOLLOWS.
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